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Humboldt Bay Oil Spill-Update -- Images currently available in .pdf format: <u>Large</u> Map Small Map Photos

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EUREKA -- Clean-up crews continue to make significant headway in containment and clean-up on Humboldt Bay. The Coast Guard Captain of the Port has re-opened the bay to vessel traffic after all the heavy concentrations of oil were removed from the sea channels.

The Unified Command now has a total of 354 people employed by federal, state and local government agencies, the responsible party and clean-up contractors. Five vacuum trucks, 24 boats, five trailers, nine skimmers; 11,000 feet of containment boom has been used throughout the area.

Areas of concern and clean-up of heavy oil concentrations Saturday will be at the south tip of Samoa near the shoreline in Eel Grass, and also in the inner tidal regions of the South Bay.

The Wildlife Operations Unit have rescued 68 live birds and recovered 62 dead birds. They have been taken to the Marine Wildlife Care Center at Humboldt State University.

The Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Game are continuing their investigations into the cause of the accident.

The motor vessel Kure departed for Japan at 3:15 pm after the vessel's representatives gave authorities proof of financial responsibility prior to leaving.

The Humboldt County Department of Health recommends that no fish, shellfish or algae be taken from any part of the bay until further notice.

Important Public Telephone Numbers:

Report oiled wildlife 707-826-3450
Damage claims 888-422-2524
Volunteer opportunities 707-442-3711

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